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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Sputnik II Pictures in Soviet Magazine "USSR"

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. The January 1958 issue of the Soviet magazine "USSR" was received in the CIA library on 20 January 1958. This issue features an article on Sputnik II, illustrated with photographs and diagrams, and giving a general description of the artificial satellite and its instrumentation.
3. All of this material, including the photographs, was published in the Soviet newspapers "Pravda" and "Izvestia" on 13 and 14 November 1957 and were reprinted the next day in US newspapers. Several US magazines have printed feature articles based on the photographs. Much of the text of the "USSR" article had been broadcast by Radio Moscow on 3 and 4 November 1957.
4. This material has been in the possession of CIA since its publication in the Soviet Union and has been carefully studied by our technical analysts. The photographs indicate that the instrumentation was designed primarily for reliability. Its arrangement is simple and no special refinements are evident in its installation. The various instruments appear to be bulky and no effort was made to reduce their weight.
5. The other articles discussing science and research in the Soviet Union that are printed in this issue of "USSR" also were published earlier by the Soviet press and radio and have been analysed by this organization.

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